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Campus Briefs

▼EXAM SCHEDULE—Finals week is coming and with it comes exams, papers and lots of studying. The week begins Dec. 15 and runs through Dec. 18. During this week there is a different schedule for students, faculty and staff to follow. Testing periods are two hours long, and Chapel will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday that week. The test schedule is as follows:

Monday, Dec. 15
8:30 - 10:30 a.m. — MWF 12 (period 4)
1:30 - 3:30 p.m. — MWF 9 (period 2)
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. — Monday evening classes

Tuesday, Dec. 16
8 -10 a.m. — TTh 2:50 (period 10)
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. — MWF 10:45 (period 3)
3 -5 p.m. — TTh 11 (period 8)
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. — Tuesday evening classes

Wednesday, Dec. 17
8 -10 a.m. — TTh 12:55 (period 9)
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. — MWF 7:45 (period 5)
3 -5 p.m. — MWF 2:30 (period 6)
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. — Wednesday evening classes

Thursday, Dec. 18
8:30 - 10:30 a.m. — TTh 7:35 (period 7)
12 -2 p.m.— MWF 1:15 (period 5)
•Thursday evening classes will be announced by the professors.

This is the schedule unless a professor has decided on a different test period and announced it in class. Check with a professor or the registrar's office if there is any confusion about a testing time period. Christmas Break begins Friday, Dec. 19 and Winter Term starts Tuesday, Jan. 6.

▼FINANCIAL AID—The 1998-99 financial aid meeting for returning students will be held on Monday at 7 p.m. or Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium. Students who wish to receive renewal application materials and updated information must attend the meeting during one of these two times or they will not be able to apply for financial aid for the upcoming school year. The materials will not be mailed to students who do not attend the meeting as it was in previous years. This meeting does include students who are transferring or going abroad.

▼COMMENCEMENT—December Baccalaureate and Commencement will take place Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel. Twenty-four seniors will be participating in the exercises.

▼CANDLELIGHT SERVICE—The Christmas candlelight worship service will be Sunday in the Chapel. There will be two services: one at 5 p.m. and one at 7 p.m. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend the service.

▼SOUNDS OF JAZZ—The Knightlighters and Jazz II bands will give a concert together Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Players Theater. The performance is open to students, staff, faculty and the public free of charge.

▼PAGE—The Page will not be distributed during finals week, but will resume Winter Term.

Koeneman looks ahead

Temporary vice president for development sees the road ahead tough, but not impossible.

by Heather Arcaute
Staff Writer

The newly elected vice president for development said, "My major goal is to retain my sanity."

When Al Koeneman begins his duties as temporary vice president, keeping his sanity will be the test after seven years of experience as senior development officer at Wartburg.

Starting Feb. 1, he will replace current Vice President for Development Rick Torgerson.

Koeneman said he will retain the new position until the new president decides what to do otherwise.

According to a Wartburg College press release, President Robert Vogel said, "Wartburg has a strong development team, and Al (Koeneman) has the personal qualities and experience to help us work together to achieve our fund-raising goals."

"My concern, my energies, are devoted to leading this department through this transition," Koeneman said on the retirement of current President Vogel.

Photo by Heather Simpson

THE STAND-IN MAN—Temporary Vice President of Development Al Koeneman stands next to a picture symbolic of his past involvement as a chaplain. Koeneman will take over Rick Torgerson's position starting Feb. 1. He will continue as vice president until the new Wartburg College president picks a permanent replacement.

Koeneman said his primary goal is to keep the president (current and new) happy, "because when the president's happy, everyone's happy."

His duty as senior development officer is to serve as a team, him being a player coach, according to Koeneman.

Serving as the new vice president for development will allow Koeneman to serve as the team's leader.

As staff members, everyone works together in plan giving, gift work and fundraising for school endowments, especially scholarships and programs, as well as getting funds for the current library project.

"The principle pieces that pertain to development are the funding of the library, enriching endowments, continue to increase levels of annual giving and plan for the transition period after Vogel has left," he said.

At this time, Koeneman said there is no plan to have someone fill his current position after he vacates it.

The development staff will have a lot of things to do with less people, he said.

"We will have to, as a department, work smarter, not just harder," he said.

Koeneman's interest in improving Wartburg comes from more than just a staff perspective.

Koeneman is a 1955 graduate of Wartburg and received an honorary doctors of laws degree from the college in 1988.

He also received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from the Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, where he earned a divinity degree in 1959.

According to the press release, Koeneman is currently a clergyman of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and, prior to joining the Navy in 1967, served parishes in Santee and Santa Ana, Calif.

Koeneman was promoted to deputy chief of chaplains in 1985 and, in 1988, was appointed by President Reagan to serve as chief of chaplains.

He has received many awards, including the Legion of Merit, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Vietnam campaign and service medals and numerous others.

Students talk future needs

by Jen Holloway
Staff Writer

While the first phase in searching for a new president at Wartburg has yet to yield official information, ideas for what students and faculty members want in a new president have been expressed.

According to Fred Hagemann, president of the Wartburg Board of Regents, Dr. Barbara Taylor visited the college last week to assess the wants and needs of students and faculty. She gathered the information through interviews and surveys.

Taylor will discuss her findings next week to the campus, the community and the presidential search committee Tuesday at their first full meeting, said Hagemann.

Dr. Dan Thomas, a professor of political science and a member of the search committee, said that everyone at the meetings held by Taylor expressed different wants and needs for the new president.

"We're looking for Superman, I suppose," said Thomas.

Thomas said that some of the main presidential qualities students and faculty expressed included commitment to education, financial knowledge, church connections and academic experience, and at least an appreciation for a liberal arts education.

"We are at the stage of sharing ideas," said Thomas.

"The students want someone to take the college to the 21st century," said Paul Yeager, a senior who attended one of the meetings held by Taylor. "Wartburg has made great strides since Vogel has been here."

Vogel brought new ideas, and many building projects and renovations were conducted during his reign, according to Yeager.

Many students want to make sure the new president will complete all of the current plans for renovations, including those of the Student Union, the PE Center and the library, said Yeager.

Other developments the students would like to see the new president bring to Wartburg include enlarging classrooms, hiring more professors and initiating a program to deal with diversity.

"We need someone to teach us about the future and to help us learn to deal with racial problems at Wartburg," said Yeager. "We need someone to support the things that are growing on campus. It's a big job; it'll be hard for one person to do it alone."

"We're looking for Superman, I suppose."

—Dr. Dan Thomas
professor of political science

According to Yeager, a lot of reserve funds were used to do previous renovations and many students believe the new president should also be able to bring in new ideas for funding the programs and renovations they feel are important.

"It's a game of money and a game of enrollment," said Yeager.

Thomas said the visit by Taylor was a pre-search; she will draw up a foundation of ideas and qualifications to meet the needs of Wartburg, which will then be used as a way to recruit qualified candidates.

The second stage of the presidential search, which won't begin for another five months, will be to make a list of nominee names who may or may not want to announce publicly their choice for candidacy, said Thomas.

"This will remain confidential, but the search will become much more public when a short series of candidates are selected," he said.

WALKIN' AND TALKIN'—Iowa Governor Terry Branstad walks out of the Wartburg Chapel with President Robert Vogel after receiving an honorary degree from Wartburg College. Vogel presented the Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa to Branstad. This honor was bestowed on the governor for his continuing support of the Iowa Tuition Grant and and education in Iowa. The ceremony took place Thursday in the Chapel with the Wartburg and Waverly communities looking on. Branstad has served as Iowa's governor for 15 years, being re-elected three times. Throughout his years of service Branstad has shown his support of higher learning.

Photo by Heather Simpson

Breathalyzer talked about for campus

by Tabi Schueler
Staff Writer

Possible changes to Wartburg's current alcohol policy may give non-drinking students the opportunity to prove innocence.

The current alcohol policy states that anyone under 21 years of age consuming or in the presence of alcohol anywhere on campus is in violation of the policy.

Student Senate has made a formal proposal to the administration asking that resident assistants (RAs) are given the right to decide who gets written up based on who has been drinking and who has not.

Currently, anyone in the presence of alcohol on campus, whether drinking or not, is automatically written up and fined $35.

The student relations committee is also discussing a proposal to purchase a breathalyzer machine for the campus.

A breathalyzer machine would allow non-drinking students to prove they hadn't been drinking. The possible idea is for security to have the machine.

The RAs would call Security if a person wanted to prove he or she hadn't been drinking. If the person could prove innocence, he or she would not be written up.

But if the person took the breathalyzer test and actually had been drinking, that person would be charged an additional fee for the use of the machine.

This idea is only in discussion by the committee and has not been discussed with new Security Director John Myer nor formally proposed to the administration.

Admissions policy offers many benefits to students looking toward future plans

Early admission helps keep numbers up at Wartburg.

by Kris Voyna
Staff Writer

Early admissions policies have been questioned recently as to their actual benefits.

Yet high school seniors feel the pressure to get their applications in early, according to an article in the Nov. 14 *USA Today*.

"There's really two different policies that schools use: one is early decision, and one is early admissions," said Doug Bowman, director of admissions.

According to Bowman, early decision involves a student committing to enroll in that college if accepted and financially able to attend.

"The early admissions policy, which Wartburg uses, is more of an opportunity for students to take advantage of certain things by applying early," Bowman said. "It doesn't commit them to Wartburg."

The benefits of early admissions (also called early action), Bowman said, include "a higher priority for housing selection.

"We do give them an early financial aid estimate if they want one. We also notify them of any scholarship opportunities that they may be eligible for based on their application and involvement in activities," he said.

The admissions policy is not new to the college; Bowman said it had been in use before he came to Wartburg in 1988.

He said the college is planning on enrolling 450 new and transfer students next fall of the more than 1,500 students that are predicted to apply.

He estimates about 800 applications coming by the early admissions postmark deadline of Dec. 1.

"Typically, about 55 percent of all our applicants apply by Dec. 1," said Bowman.

Bowman said the early admissions policy serves the college as a good "measuring stick to see how we're doing" in the recruiting numbers.

The policy also helps the college estimate how many scholarship competitors they will have.

"That is where our biggest pool of students will come from for our Regents and Presidential Scholarship competitions," Bowman said.

Bowman said the policy may have some to do with the rise in Wartburg enrollment.

He said the early admissions policy "gets students to look at Wartburg early. If we can be a school that gets a student to visit or apply first and early, we have a lot better chance of enrolling that student. It certainly does help our admissions effort.

"Ultimately it benefits the student, but it certainly has benefits for Wartburg too. So I think it's a win-win situation," said Bowman.

Sports bar opens doors

by Heather Arcaute
Staff Writer

There's a new player on the Waverly social scene.

Players Sports Bar, located at 1600 W. Bremer Ave. in Waverly, opened Wednesday, Nov. 26.

Players, which is connected to Country Kitchen, occupies the same space as the former bar, Friar Tucks.

Brett Helmers, owner of Players Sports Bar, said it was always in the back of his mind to open a bar.

Helmers attended Wartburg College for two and a half years but recently graduated from Iowa State University.

Players is open Monday through Friday 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. and Saturday and Sunday 12 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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Speech plays large role in life skills

by Katie Shearn
Staff Writer

It's not just for basic English majors anymore.

"A variety of majors are realizing the opportunity available to them through the Wartburg Speech Team," said speech team coach Peggy Hanfelt.

The speech team hopes to have 20 or more students interested in participating this year.

Hanfelt said she is excited about the big numbers and the new events the students are wanting to try out.

With students filling most of the possible events, the team will look to place high in some meets this year, Hanfelt said.

Hanfelt hopes to impress the home crowd with their two-day contest hosted by Wartburg Feb. 20 and 21.

She said she wants the students and faculty to realize the wonderful type of event this is.

"I want to have a strong enough team and be large enough to place in the finals or top numbers at the home contest," she said.

"To have personal communication skills holds an incredible amount of weight with all employers."

— Peggy Hanfelt
speech team coach

Her key returnees this year are officers in the organization.

Rachelle Mau, president; Sara Baker, vice president; and Jodi Neumann, secretary, are all in their third year on the team. Erika Griesemer is in her second year and holds the position of treasurer.

Hanfelt said she is proud of the progress of the group and sees it worthy for all students to look into doing.

"For one, it's a great resume builder. To have personal communication skills holds an incredible amount of weight with all employers," Hanfelt said.

"And second, they're skills you use for life. No matter what job or career you go into you can benefit from this," she said.

The team has all kinds of opportunities to compete because it belongs to several official organizations that sponsor contests throughout the year.

The Mid-American Forensic League (MAFL) holds all its meets on Saturdays and the Twin Cities Forensic League (TCFL) meets are all on Tuesday afternoons at the Normandale Community College in Bloomington, Minn.

The speech team usually leaves at 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday and is back by midnight that night.

Along with the standard association contests, there are always schools in the region who will sponsor an invitational meet.

Although there are many contests available, the Wartburg speech team may or may not attend the scheduled contests.

"No one is obligated to attend every contest. We work with the student's schedules and hope they are able to get to at least one contest during the year," Hanfelt said.

Any students interested in participating in the speech team can reach Peggy Hanfelt at her office phone at 8256 or her home phone at 352-1531.

Though the Speech Team has already started its year, students can still join.

Correction: Security Chief John Myers' name was misspelled in the last issue's story about his hiring. *The Trumpet* regrets the error.

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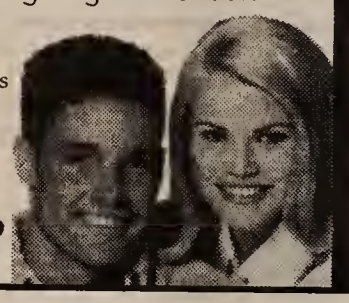

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Fasting gives money to cause

'Meal sign away' will help people during this their time of need

by Sarah Albertson
Staff Writer

Each student can make his or her dinner on Friday last for years without mold or other unsightly repercussions.

By signing their meals away, students will be donating money to the Waverly-Shell Rock United Way and the Holiday Shoppe.

The evening meal on Friday will not be the usual "standing-in-line-for-hot-food" deal. Instead, it is a sack dinner because the football banquet is being held in the cafeteria.

Those attending the football banquet have already signed away their meal. This means they are not eligible to sign away their meal for the fast.

If students choose to sign away their sack meal, the money will go to two needy causes, United Way and Holiday Shoppe.

The Waverly-Shell Rock United Way needs students' help in its annual fundraising campaign currently underway.

The money raised will be distributed between two local organizations that directly benefit the Waverly-Shell Rock community.

These organizations focus on reaching out to neighbors, youth, families, senior citizens and those suffering from chronic illnesses or coping with disabilities.

The Holiday Shoppe needs students' help to raise money so it can provide children's gifts for low-income families during the holiday season.

The Holiday Shoppe is a coalition of the Wartburg Social Work Club, the Bremer County Department of Human Services and the Northeastern Iowa Community Action Committee.

More than $2,000 can be raised at Wartburg during the fast if students sign their meals away.

However, 60 percent of the students need to agree to sign away their meals for the fast to be effective and the money to be donated.

The Food Council only grants two fasts per year. This is the last meal sign away opportunity this year.

There will be a sign up sheet outside the cafeteria Tuesday and Wednesday for students wishing to give up Friday's meal.

Students unable to sign up outside the cafeteria may contact Tammy Maki at 7237 or Sarah Albertson via e-mail albertsons@wartburg.edu to participate in the fast.

Wartburg has high ranking for student payback of loans

by Nick Robertson
Staff Writer

Wartburg College is among the top colleges in the nation for paying back default loans.

The latest report shows 2.2 percent of Wartburg students who haven't paid back loans. This is 9.4 percent below the national default rate.

The latest report, which is for the 1995 school year, said only seven out of the 316 loans were not paid back at the correct time.

Wartburg has continuously ranked high in the nation in the past reports.

The percentage has dropped from 3.9 percent since 1992, but the best year came in 1991 with a low of 1.2 percent.

"We are fortunate that our students are so responsible," said Jamie Hightower Wartburg's director of financial aid.

All colleges are required to stay below 15 percent or the loss of federal funding becomes a strong possibility for the college.

Relax. Find some time to breathe and enjoy the next two weeks. Christmas is just around the corner!

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Editorial

In season of giving, how do you give?

My last Christmas with Wartburg, quite a feeling. It is a bittersweet feeling. I am glad that the grueling weekend is over, but the thought of never again performing at the Des Moines Civic Center saddens me a little. It amazes me that I am able to tell people I performed at the Civic Center to a packed crowd. I never dreamed my singing would take me there.

The Des Moines concert is an emotional one for me. Two years ago last night I performed in my first Christmas with Wartburg concert, but this isn't the only reason it is emotional. This is also the only concert my family is able to attend. Plus, the feeling you get as you walk onto stage in front of approximately 3,000 people is undescribable.

Reading through my quote books earlier this week I found a phrase that hits home for me during Christmas with Wartburg. It is a French proverb and goes something like this:

> The way in which something is given is worth more than the gift itself.

We sing the same songs at every performance, but yet each one is different. Saturday night's performance was the most powerful for me. Maybe it was looking out and seeing my family in the audience—yes, I was able to find them in the sea of faces. Maybe it is the rush of performing at the Civic Center. Or maybe it was because of the people I was performing with. I am not sure. I guess maybe it was a combination of all of these things working to make the way in which we gave the performance a little different, a little better.

I can't speak for the audience personally, but I can tell you how the performance touched my family. After the concert, my dad gave me one of the biggest hugs I have ever gotten from him. He isn't one to show much emotion, so this meant more than any of the compliments anyone gave.

In this season of giving I hope you can remember that it isn't what you give but how you give it.

Carrie Lawton
editor

Porcupines: The very prickly truth

Ian Gan

Nature Calls

How do porcupines mate? Veee-ry carefully. The porcupine is the second largest rodent in North America and goes by many different names. Its scientific name is Erethizon ("irritable") dorsatum ("back"). It's also affectionately known as Porky, quillpig, pricklepig and thorn pig, among others.

Although somewhat nearsighted, the porcupine is sensitive to vibrations and has a good sense of smell. It is also a good climber and able to swim. Males and females are similar in appearance and can live up to 5 - 7 years in the wild.

The porcupine's habitats range from forests and fields to semi-desert areas. It will eat all sorts of plants, vegetables, fruits (especially apples) and various parts of many types of trees.

Curiously, porcupines are extremely fond of salt and will stop at nothing to get it. They will eat almost anything which has absorbed salty perspiration (like gloves) and will chew up discarded antlers and bones. They will even ROB local Hy-Vee stores.

The porcupine is best known for its 30,000 (+/-) prickly quills on its tail, back and sides. These quills are actually modified hairs with needle like tips covered with hundreds of tiny, diamond-shaped scales that act as barbs.

Porky cannot shoot its quills as popularly believed, but the quills are loosely attached to its skin and can be easily dislodged. The porcupine, however, is a good-natured sort and its quills are used only in defense. It would much rather climb up a tree than get into a fight.

When threatened, the porcupine erects its quills, taking on the look of a massive pin cushion. If a predator attacks, the porcupine flicks its tail back and forth, hammering its quills into its enemy.

The tiny backward-facing barbs of the quill, once embedded, cause the quills to work their way deeper into the skin. The quills also absorb moisture and will expand in imbedded tissue, making their removal extremely difficult and painful.

The porcupine has several main adversaries who competently prey on it without getting injured, mainly the fisher (bites Porky's face till it gives up), the cougar (flips Porky over) and the hungry AUTOMOBILE WHEEL.

During autumn, it's easy to tell when porcupines are feeling amorous. Both males and females moan, groan, chatter, bark, trill, snort, grunt, hoot, meow, sob and whine at each other in an elaborate courtship ritual that can be heard up till a quarter of a mile away. Talk about a public display of affection.

One baby porcupette (sometimes twins) is born after a seven month gestation period. In the womb, the fetus's quills remain soft, hardening only upon air contact at birth. In two days, the porcupette is up and about climbing trees. It gains independence after about five months and in one and one-half years, it's ready to start a whole new cycle of livin' and lovin'.

That's it for this week—nature calls. Woo hoo! I think I'll go be a porcupine for a while.

Note: Information compiled from various book and internet sources. Picture courtesy of Greg's Western Wildlife World Homepage.

Letters

Letters clarify views, selection process

The recent proposal by Students for Peace and Justice and GABLES to add sexual orientation to the college's non-discrimination policy deserves our community's thoughtful attention. I am writing because the statement attributed to former Dean James Pence does not fully describe the position of the ELCA.

In November 1996, the ELCA issued "A Message on Sexuality: Some Common Convictions." This document states, "Christians are called to respect the integrity and dignity of all persons, whatever their age, gender, sexual orientation or marital status." The statement does not say whether or not individuals and institutions of the ELCA should support adding sexual orientation to non-discrimination statements. An important principle of Lutheran theology and ethics is that Christians have the freedom to decided what methods are best in respecting human integrity and dignity. It is thus possible for people of good will to share a commitment to the human dignity and integrity of homosexual and bisexual persons even through they may disagree on adding sexual orientation to the statement.

This does not mean that opponents of the proposal can avoid serious reflection. Those who oppose adding sexual orientation to the non-discrimination statement must consider whether or not they are using Christian freedom as a clever means to dodge responsibility for their homosexual and bisexual neighbors. Opponents must ask themselves if they actually have good will and a commitment to the dignity of all people, including homosexuals and bisexuals, or if they have forsaken that responsibility and calling.

To those who support the initiative, there are hard questions too. They must ask themselves whether they want more than the preservation of human dignity for homosexuals and bisexuals. They must examine their motives to discern whether their proposal is based on a desire for equal opportunity and non-discrimination or for recognition and affirmation of homosexual behavior. Proponents should recognize that some people who are truly of good will still oppose affirming homosexual behavior even while they stand with homosexual and bisexual persons in the pursuit of justice and equal opportunity in education and employment.

Lake Lambert
Instructor in Religion

We are writing in response to the comments made by Student Government President Jeremy Brummond regarding the selection process of the Campus Activities Board (CAB) executive officers. Jeremy commented in the Nov. 8 issue of the *Trumpet* that he felt CAB officials should be elected.

We would like to explain the rigorous selection process which CAB nominees must undergo if they wish to become executive officers. The positions are advertised to the student body in February. CAB also solicits nominations from faculty and staff. Interested students must fill out an application expressing their interest. Applications, which are due in March, seek information regarding the candidate's GPA, attendance at past CAB events, talents and leadership ability, planned involvement in activities for the upcoming year, and new ideas for CAB. The applications are screened by CAB and selected applicants are interviewed only by those CAB officers who will not be returning next year. This helps promote objectivity in the interviewing process.

The interview consists of in-depth questions which allow the interviewers to assess the candidate's leadership ability and potential to represent the interests of Wartburg students through thoughtful and creative programming. The interview process is quite demanding. Candidates must demonstrate their budgeting skills, time management skills, organizational skills, publicity skills, leadership style, ability to responsibly allocate large amounts of student funds, ability to motivate committee members, and ability to delegate tasks.

The interviews are much like job interviews precisely because of the tremendous responsibility of the positions. This process promotes an effective and fair selection of the best qualified CAB officers by those students who are the most knowledge and experienced with CAB. We feel that it is the most effective way to select students who will successfully represent the student body, carry out the budgetary and programming responsibilities, and deal with the complexities inherent in the position.

We hope interested students will seriously consider applying for the 1998-99 CAB executive officer positions. Look for more information in February. Meantime, if you have any questions of suggestions we welcome your input. Thank you.

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CAB Advisor

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VIBIN'— Freshman Christine Meyer, a percussionist, experiences her first Christmas with Wartburg in the Wind Ensemble.

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O COME OUR JOY AND GLORY—Wartburg Choir, Castle Singers and Concert Band traveled to Nazareth L the Nazareth performance, Christmas with Wartburg was presented in Neumann Auditorium Thursday and Su cated to Robert and Sally Vogel in honor of President Vogel's last year at Wartburg College.The Rev. Philip Fr You Children," O Come, Contentment of Our Hearts," "O Come, our Joy and Glory," and "O Come, Our Streng

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs
8 7 p.m. Kwanzaa Celebration, - Buhr Lounge, refreshments sponsored by Cultural Awareness Organization	9 5-7 p.m. Pictures with Santa - Buhr Lounge, free food and hot chocolate sponsored by Campus Activities Board	10 9:30 p.m. Midweek Eucharist - Chapel	11 Centennial Com Christmas Deco Contest Judging 8:30 p.m. First Y Council Study B Centennial Com Clinton Hall

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GO TELL IT— Freshman Rob Glass sings with Castle Singers.

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BRASS BONES—Trombonists Rod McComb, Brian Van De Berg, Angie Sup, Matt Leichsenring and Erica Blobaum and trumpeter Graham Schardt performed with the brass and choir during Professor Matt Armstrong's arrangement of "Rejoice, Rejoice! Believers."

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CHOIR'S CREED— Prof. Matt Armstrong's "Credo," written especially for Serenade and Choir, moved choir members to hold hands after Thursday night's performance.

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A balancing act

Wartburg junior juggles schooling and motherhood.

Photos by Nate Stoltman

A MOTHER'S WORK IS NEVER DONE—Junior Jen Whitney holds her newborn daughter, P.J. The 21-year-old is a full-time student at Wartburg, a part-time worker, a wife and a mom. Whitney said the most difficult task has been trying to spend enough time with her daughter and do school work.

by Ellie Miller
Staff Writer

Junior Jen Whitney is not a typical 21-year-old Wartburg student.

She's a full-time student, a part-time worker, a wife and a mom.

When she began at Wartburg in the fall of 1995, Whitney said she had no idea that two years later she'd be married, and with a daughter.

"Originally, I didn't want any kids," she said. "I hadn't even planned to get married until now." She looked down at the baby in her arms and said, "but some things we don't have control over, right Patricia?"

Patricia Jean Whitney (P.J.) was born Oct. 25, 1997 and "Mom" only took one week off of classes.

"It helped because [the birth] was over Fall Break, and then I took the next week off."

Soon, Whitney was back to a full class schedule and part-time work at the Wartburg Bookstore. Her husband, Robert, is a full-time student at Hawkeye Community College with a part-time job in Waverly, Whitney said.

How do they do it?

The support of family and friends has been abundant, she said.

"We arrange our class and work schedules so that one of us is with her," said Whitney. "If we can't be, usually a relative is with her."

The Whitneys live with Robert's parents, and Whitney's mother baby-sits regularly. Whitney said she manages a three-day per week class schedule, which allows her to be with "P.J." four days each week.

Whitney said her professors have been cooperative also.

"Every professor I had was fantastic," she said. "They let me make up tests and homework with no problem."

She said her supervisor in the Bookstore also gives support and understanding if she sometimes can't make it to work. In addition, Whitney's sister Katie McCann, who attends Wartburg, is sometimes available for baby-sitting.

Whitney and her husband, Robert, were high school sweethearts at Waverly-Shell Rock High, and the two were engaged in October of 1995. They married in July of 1996, a few months before beginning her sophomore year at Wartburg.

Whitney said Robert wasn't a factor in her college decision to attend Wartburg. She came because it was the "place that felt right." She will maintain a full class load and plans to graduate on time in 1999 with a math education degree.

Whitney said she never thought of leaving school after P.J. was born.

"To give her the best life, I have to have an education," she said. "If I quit now, I wouldn't come back."

"It would have been nice not to have had her this young, but now that I have her, I wouldn't change a thing."

—Jen Whitney
junior

But with a baby, Whitney has given up some of the fun of being "just" a college student. She said sometimes she feels as if she's missing out on Wartburg activities, but during her first year at Wartburg, she made a lot of friends who still keep in touch.

The one thing she said she does miss is participation in the band program. She traveled with the concert band to Europe in May of 1997, still in her first few months of pregnancy.

"It was tough getting a lot of sleep and eating right," she said. Whitney missed many of the concerts to catch up on sleep, and many of her host families questioned her when she told them she couldn't drink alcohol.

She would have liked to joined the band program again this year.

"I like to play the clarinet, but the missing out on the [extracurricular] 'stuff' is worth [the time spent with P.J.]," she said.

Still, Whitney struggles to balance academics and motherhood.

Since P.J. was born, the most difficult task has been "trying to spend enough time with her and do school work" at the same time, she said. "Since she's so young, you think she doesn't really know, but she does."

Whitney said it has been tough getting even a minimal amount of her school work done because caring for P.J. cuts into her homework time.

"I try to do as much as I can between classes," she said. "At home, I do work while she's sleeping, and while she's eating I can do a lot of my reading."

Despite the challenge, Whitney wouldn't trade this lifestyle, she said.

"It would have been nice not to have had her this young, but now that I have her, I wouldn't change a thing."

Because she and her husband are both students, their monthly income was low enough to qualify them for Medicaid, which has eased much of their financial burden, Whitney said.

"It's been nice that Medicaid covered [some medical expenses]," she said. "Otherwise, we'd have a huge financial strain."

Whitney realizes that it seems as though she is managing well, but she cautions: "I wouldn't recommend [having a child] in college."

Whitney said she and Robert plan to have more kids, but hopefully after they graduate. In light of the birth of the Iowan septuplets, Whitney said she is frequently asked,"How would you like to have six more?"

She said she responds with: "We'd like to have one or two more, but not seven, especially all at once."

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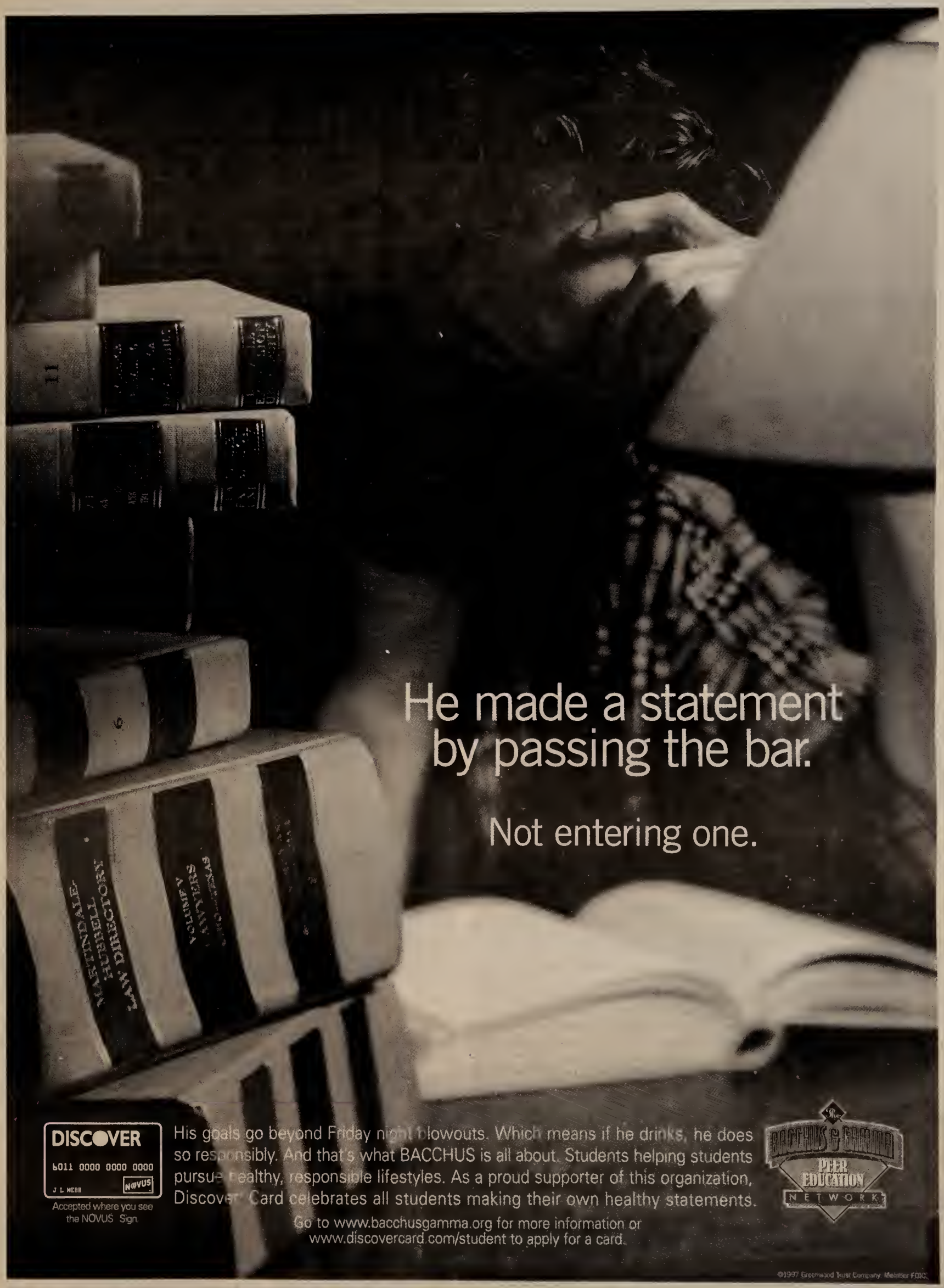
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Simpson Dual	Jan. 9
Augsburg Dual	Jan. 11
Cornell Inv.	Jan. 16-17
Panther Duals	Jan. 17
UW-Stevens Point Dual	Jan. 21
Coe Dual	Jan. 22
Ohio Northern	Jan. 23
Cornell Dual	Jan. 29
Iowa Conference Duals	Jan. 31
All-Lutheran Tourney	Feb. 7
Buena Vista Dual	Feb. 12
IIAC Tournament	Feb. 19
NCAA Division III Tourney	March 6-7

Women's Basketball

Grinnell	**Dec. 10**
Viterbo	Dec. 12
Upper Iowa	Jan. 6
Coe	**Jan. 9**
Simpson	**Jan. 10**
Central	Jan. 16
Luther	**Jan. 17**
Dubuque	Jan. 23
William Penn	Jan. 24
Buena Vista	**Jan. 27**
Luther	Jan. 30
Dubuque	**Jan. 31**
William Penn	**Feb. 6**
Cornell	Feb. 7
Coe	Feb. 10
Central	**Feb. 20**
Upper Iowa	**Feb. 21**
Loras	Feb. 27
Simpson	Feb. 28

Men's Basketball

Northwestern	Dec. 13
Marycrest Intern'l	**Jan. 3**
Upper Iowa	Jan. 6
Coe	**Jan. 9**
Simpson	**Jan. 10**
Central	Jan. 16
Luther	**Jan. 17**
Dubuque	Jan. 23
William Penn	Jan. 24
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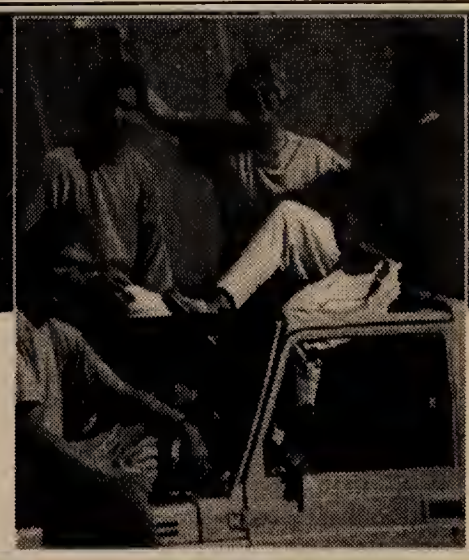

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Wrestlers dominate the Duhawks

by Kris Erickson
Sports Editor

The Knights, ranked third in the nation, kicked off their IIAC schedule with a decisive 33-3 win over the Loras College Duhawks Thursday night in Knights Gymnasium.

Knight Josh Dodd's victory over the 190 pound IIAC defending champion Chris Speziale, 12-2, was the highlight of the night.

"I got the first couple take-downs and I think that kind of determined the match," said Dodd.

Dodd is a transfer from the University of Minnesota where he wrestled behind the Division I No.1 wrestler.

Sophomore Zach Weiglein, wrestling at 118, set the tone for the evening with a pin early in the second period.

Weiglein is wrestling in place of defending conference champion Ryan Cunningham, who is out with an injury.

Fellow sophomore Casey Doyle followed with an overtime victory at 126 pounds.

Sophomore Nick Mitchell suffered the only Wartburg loss of the night loosing 6-5 on a last-second reversal by Loras' Rick Healey.

"I think we're making progress. We're getting to the point we need to be at."
—Jim Miller head wrestling coach

The Knights got wins from Troy Pacenka (142), Ryan Hess (150), Mike Alesch (158), Ben Jobgen (167), Chris Ortner (177), Josh Dodd (190) and Matt Powelka (HWT).

"I think we're making progress," said head coach Jim Miller. "We're getting to the point we need to be at."

Coach Miller also drew closer to another coaching milestone.

Thursday's victory was his 99th as head coach at Wartburg. Miller has coached the Knights for seven years.

Miller has lead Wartburg to five consecutive Iowa Conference Championships as well as a national title in 1996 and a national runner-up last year.

He has also coached the Knights to first or second place at the NCAA Division III tournament four of the last five years.

Wartburg graduated five All-Americans last year, but 24 letterwinners return to the squad.

Out of these 24, two are conference champions, one All-American and one Academic All-American.

On Saturday, some Knights traveled to Cedar Falls and wrestled in the UNI Open held in the UNI-Dome.

Doyle placed fourth and Dodd finished third against tough competition.

Some schools wrestling in the Open were the University of Iowa and the University of Michigan.

The Knights have their sights set on the Dick Walker Invitational in Waverly next Saturday.

Among the teams that will be competing are Augustana and Simpson. All teams will put up tough competition for the Knights.

Over Christmas break the Knights will travel to Orlando, Fla. for the Florida Duals.

Photo by Katie Kelting

TAKE DOWN— Wartburg's Nick Mitchell tangles with Rick Healey of Loras Thursday night in Knights gymnasium. Healey defeated Mitchell 6-3 for the Duhawks only points of the night. The Knights pounded Loras 33-3. Warturg is ranked third in the latest NCAA Division III national rankings.

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SPORTS

Knights pound Duhawks, 65-47

by Kris Erickson and Derek Miller
Sports Editors

The Knights jumped back from two losses last week to finish the week 1-2 and even their record to 3-3 for the season

Iowa Conference play began Tuesday as the Knights lost to Cornell 58-52.

Rich Kloster led the Knights with 14 points and eight rebounds and Ryan Schultz was the second leading scorer with 11 points. Dave Nielsen led the Knights in rebounding grabbing nine boards for the game.

Neither team shot well from the field with Loras shooting 37 percent for the game and the Knights shooting 33 percent from the floor.

Friday's game didn't fair much better as Buena Vista pounded the Knights 90-71.

Matt Wheeler lead Wartburg with 18 points and five rebounds and Rich Kloster added 16 of his own along with seven rebounds. Schultz led the Knights with five assists.

Buena Vista's Aaron Bloom made a game-high 27 points for the Beavers. Fifteen of those were from three-point range as he was five of six from three-point land.

Beaver Nick Dentlinger had 19 points and four steals to help the Beavers take one from the Knights.

Wartburg turned things around on Saturday night as they beat the Loras Duhawks decisively, 65-47.

"Last night we made a big step and the overall intensity was up. We came together as a team," said Wheeler.

Freshman Patrick Morrison paced the Knights with 18 points, making seven of 11 shots from the floor.

Kloster had another big game for the Knights scoring 17 points and grabbing nine rebounds.

Head Coach Dick Peth said the team had more effort and inspiration in Saturday night's home game against Loras.

The team also took more care of the basketball, said Peth.

The Knights committed 15 turnovers against the Duhawks, compared to the 20 turnovers in Tuesday's game and 24 in Friday's game.

The Knights' defense really had the Duhawks flustered in the second half holding them to 25 percent shooting from the floor in the second half and 29 percent for the game.

The Knights started Iowa Conference play before Christmas for the first time in years with the joining of Cornell and Coe to the conference.

"It is nice to start league play, " said Peth.

"Overall enthusiasm was up and the team played more together compared to Tuesday's night game," added Nielsen.

The Knights shot 45 percent compared to Buena Vista's 54 percent on Friday night's game.

BV had only 15 turnovers which is nearly 10 less than Wartburg's 24.

The Knights' improved their shooting percentage from Tuesday night's game which was only 37 percent.

The Knights will face Northwestern (Minn.) on Dec. 13 in St. Paul.

The next home game will be on Jan. 3 against non-conference Marycrest International.

—Photo courtesy of College Relations

WORKING THE MAGIC— Freshman Dan Bock goes to work against two Loras defenders in Saturday's game. The Knights beat the Duhawks making their conference record 1-2. Wartburg travels to St. Paul, Minn. Saturday to take on Northwestern. Tip-off time is set for 7 p.m.

Women win 2 of 3, evening record to 3-3

by Kris O'Rear
Staff Writer

The Wartburg women's basketball team ended the first week of competition with a 2-1 conference record.

With the addition of Coe College and Cornell College to the Iowa Conference, the team had to play three conference games before Christmas. This was unusual and worried some.

"We played well. I would like to be 3-0, but I'll take 2-1," said head coach Monica Severson.

The women's team put an end to their tough first week Saturday night with a convincing win over conference foe Loras.

The Knights started out hot and appeared ready to play.

Led by senior Mary Jo Vrba and junior Kayah-Bah Phillmann the team shot nearly 68percent for the floor in the first half.

Wartburg felt comfortable going into half-time with a 44-34 lead over the Duhawks.

The Knights did not let up. Vrba scored 10 of her 16 points in the second half to go along with her five assists.

"Mary Jo (Vrba) played outstanding. It was one of her best games since she has been here," said Severson.

Phillmann also continued with the hot hand and finished with a game-high 23 points.

"Kayah-Bah Phillmann played good; our inside game was there when we needed it," Severson said.

Loras tried to overcome the Knights behind Carrie Smith's 22 points and nine rebounds, but it was not enough.

The Knights held Loras to 48 percent shooting from the field while Wartburg shot 62 percent.

Wartburg held them off and took the 81-66 victory over the Duhawks to increase their record to 3-3 overall and 2-1 in the conference.

On Friday night Wartburg traveled to Storm Lake to take on the Beavers of Buena Vista.

The team got great efforts from Kayah-Bah Phillmann with 19 points and Jill Baethke who had 12 points along with nine assists.

Freshman Molly Mason had 10 points in 18 minutes off the bench.

Buena Vista was too much though, taking the 74-69 win behind Stephanie Gronau and her game high 25 points.

On Tuesday the Knights opened their season with a win at home against the Rams of Cornell College.

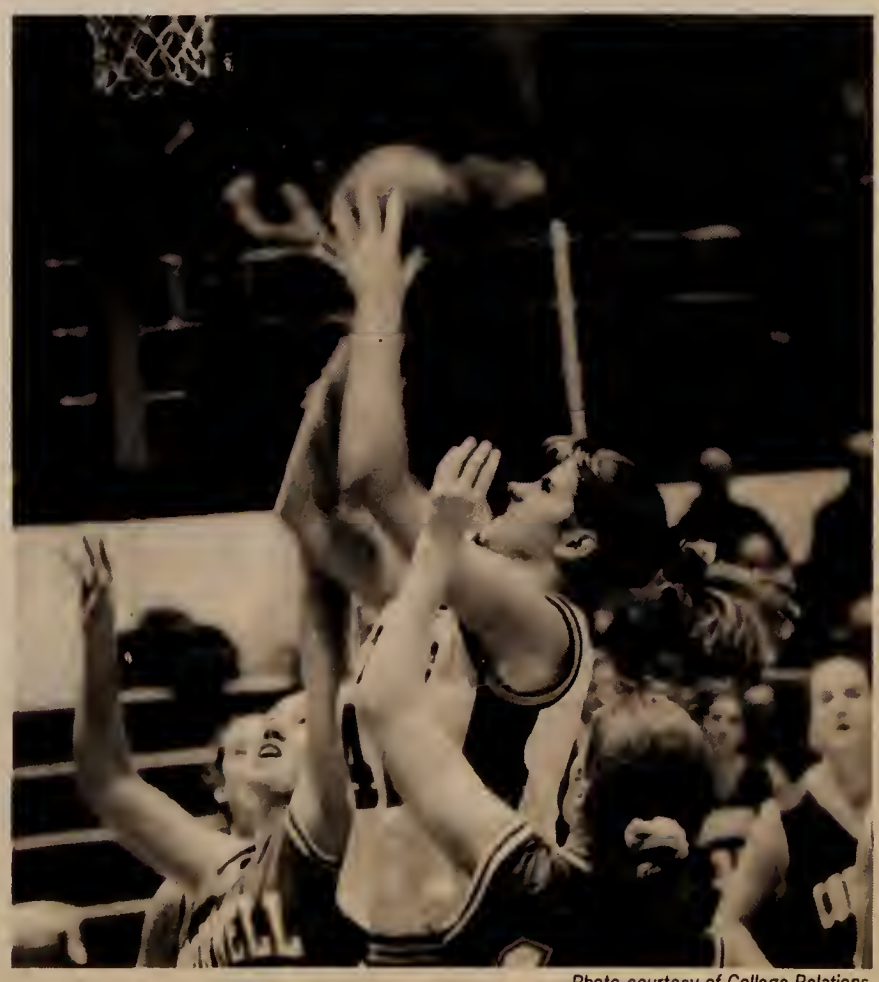
The Knights offense was well-balanced with four of five starters scoring ten points or more.

Wartburg won 78-39 with their defense standing out.

Wartburg held the Rams to just 15 second half points and to 2 percent shooting overall compared to 24 first half points and

The Knights also controlled the boards giving up only 38 total rebounds compared to the Kights 51 total rebounds.

On Wednesday the Knights will face Grinnell and on Friday night they travel to La Crosse, Wis. to take on Viterbo.



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DETERMINATION— Senior Mary Jo Vrba goes shots against the Cornell. The Knights defeated the Rams decisively 78-39 as they opened up conference play last Tuesday.